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January 12, 2000

Mr. John J. O'Grady
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by FedEx

Re: Fansteel Inc – North Chicago – EE/CA Administrative Order
Docket No. V-W-00-6-413
Monthly Written Report for December 2000

Dear Mr. O'Grady:

In accordance with paragraph V.3.3 of the subject Administrative Order, this is our monthly progress report concerning activities undertaken pursuant to this Order during December 2000.

Significant developments that occurred during the month of December 2000 include the following:

- **December 5, 2000** – A meeting was attended by Fansteel Inc., Carlson Environmental Inc., and EPA representatives at your offices to discuss the Administrative Order and technical issues including the Draft Site Investigation Report
- **December 7, 2000** – EPA submitted a letter to Fansteel Inc. representative extending the deadline for submittal of the draft EE/CA to July 12, 2001
- **December 21, 2000** – EPA distributed comments on the Draft Site Investigation Report to Fansteel Inc. representatives
- **December 21, 2000** – Fansteel Inc. distributed requests for proposal to consultants to conduct EE/CA

No analytical data was received during the month of December 2000 and no problems of importance were encountered. No sampling is currently scheduled for the month of January 2001.

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The following activity is expected to occur in January 2001:

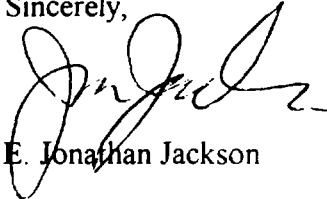
- Fansteel Inc. representatives will submit Final Site Inspection Report to EPA by January 26, 2001.

After further review, Fansteel has determined that the development of refined site-specific remedial objectives will be incorporated into the EE/CA activities. Earlier, we had provided a January 2001 date for completion of this activity. Please advise me if EPA does not agree with our decision regarding the development of refined site-specific remedial objectives.

With regard to Pettibone Creek, EPA is to distribute to Fansteel representatives the results of its recent Pettibone Creek sampling activities. Upon receipt of these results, EPA and Fansteel representatives will meet to discuss deleting Pettibone Creek from the Scope of Work for the Fansteel EE/CA.

Please contact me if you have any questions or if you would like to discuss this further.

Sincerely,



E. Jonathan Jackson

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